

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND**  
**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I (we) believe we are the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**OIL BASED WELL FLUIDS WITH HIGH SOLIDS CONTENT**

the specification of which

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was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I (we) hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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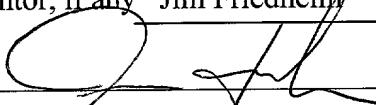
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